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WALES.

CYMMRODORION SOCIETY IN POWYS.—An account of the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY has already appeared in the CAMBRO-BRITON; and the laudable objects of that Institution can not but be gratifying to every native of Wales, having at heart the prosperity or the fame of his country. The pleasing duty now devolves on the Editor of recording the establishment of a similar Society in North Wales, for the same patriotic purposes, and designed to act in concert with the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY. The following is a Report of the interesting proceedings on this occasion, which has been received from a gentleman, who attended the meeting, and whose zeal in the cause of his native country entitles him to her particular gratitude.

On Wednesday, the 6th of October, a Meeting was held at Wrexham for the purpose of forming a Society in the District or Province of Powys, comprehending the Counties of Denbigh, Flint, and Montgomery, in connection with the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY already formed at Carmarthen. On this interesting occasion Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, Bart., Sir Edward Pryce Lloyd, Bart., Sir John Evans, Foster Cunliffe, Esq., Rev. Mr. Eyton, Rev. George Strong, Rev. Walter Davies, Rev. Edward Bean, Rev. John Jenkins, Rev. William Jenkins Rees, Rev. Daniel Hughes, and the Rev. John Jones were present, and the business commenced with the motion of Sir E. P. Lloyd, that Sir W. W. Wynn should take the Chair. It was then resolved, that the persons present should form themselves into a Society, under the denomination of the CYMMRODORION SOCIETY in POWYS, for the preservation of the remains of Ancient British Literature, and the encouragement of the Poetry and Music of modern Cambria; the term *Cymmrodorion* being adopted more particularly out of respect to an ancient Society of that name, of which this was to be considered a revival. In the appointment of officers several of the nobility resident in the district, or connected with it, were nominated Patrons, and, on the motion of Sir E. P. Lloyd, Sir W. W. Wynn was chosen President by acclamation. Many distinguished characters were also chosen Vice-Presidents and Members of a Committee, and the Rev. John Jones, of St. Asaph, was appointed Secretary, subject to his acceptance of the office. Several Resolutions for con-

ducting the proceedings of the Society were afterwards entered into, and a meeting of the Committee for the transacting of business was appointed to take place immediately. The worthy President having left the chair, thanks for his attention and ability in going through the business of the Meeting were moved by F. Cunliffe, Esq. and unanimously agreed to.

In commencing the proceedings of the Committee, Sir John Evans was requested to take the chair, and the several resolutions of the Society, authorising them to proceed in conducting their concerns, were read. The subjects for literary competition, and the premiums for the best compositions, were then agreed upon, and proposed, viz.

1. A premium of *five guineas*, or a medal of that value, for the best ENGLYN (Epigrammatic stanza) on *Pa beth yw Awen.* (What is poetical Genius?)

2. A premium of *ten guineas*, or a medal, for the best CYWYDD (Poem) on *Llesawl effeithiau undeb Cymru a Lloegr.* (The beneficial effects of the Incorporation of England and Wales).

3. A premium of *twenty guineas*, or a medal, for the best AWDL (Ode) on *Hiraeth Cymro am ei wlad mewn bro estronawl.* (The Longing of a Welshman for his Country in a Foreign Land).

4. A premium of *ten guineas*, or a medal, was also proposed for the best ESSAY in the ENGLISH LANGUAGE, on *The several Notices of Britain in ancient Authors, containing Extracts from the Originals, with English Translations and a Commentary thereon.*

5. A premium, or medal, of the same value for an ENGLISH ESSAY, on *The History and Character of the real Arthur, King of Britain, and the fabulous Character of that name, whether of Romance or Mythology.*

6. A Miniature Silver Harp of the value of *five guineas*, with a gratuity for travelling expences at the discretion of the Committee, was also proposed to the best Competitor on the TRIPLE HARP.

The EISTEDDFOD, for the recitation of the prize compositions and the performance of the musical competitors, was appointed to take place at Wrexham on Wednesday and Thursday, the 2d and 3d of August, 1820; and it was resolved, that gratuities, at the discretion of the committee, should be given to bards and

musicians of merit attending the Eisteddfod, who were not in affluent circumstances, towards defraying their expences. It was also resolved, that the Rev. Walter Davies, the Rev. W. J. Rees, W. O. Pughe, Esq., J. Parry, Esq. (Author of the *Welsh Melodies*,) Mr. Edward Williams, Mr. Richard Llwyd, and Mr. Edward Jones, (Bard to the Prince Regent,) should be honorary members of the Society, on account of their services in the cause of Welsh literature. And the following works, connected with the object of the Society, published or about to be published, were recommended to the notice of the Members, viz. Collections for a new History of Wales, by Mr. Edward Williams – a Poem called the *Diliw*, by Mr. David Richards,—Dr. John David Rhys's Latin-Welsh Grammar, Edited by the Rev. D. L. Jones,—Hugh Morris's poetical works in Welsh, Edited by the Rev. Walter Davies, and the new Monthly Publication called the CAMBRO-BRITON.

Mr. R. H. Jones, of Ruthin, acted as secretary during the meeting, and displayed great readiness and ability in executing the office. The Chairman of the Committee also deserved great commendation for his patriotic zeal and judicious conduct in managing the business. The subscription was opened by Sir W. W. Wynn, with a donation of *twenty guineas*, and an annual subscription of *five guineas;* and the names of Sir C. P. Lloyd and Sir Thomas Mostyn had each affixed to them a donation of *ten guineas*, and an annual subscription of *five guineas*.

The formation of this Society cannot but be hailed as an auspicious era to Cambrian literature, and a prognostic, that the flame, which has been kindled in the Southern part of the Principality, will blaze with undiminished splendour in the North, and ultimately throw a light on subjects hitherto involved in the deepest obscurity. That so much excellence, as seems to be contained within the borders of Wales, should be so long in a manner buried and unknown may justly cause surprise; but it is now hoped that the exertions of this, and the other Societies, connected with it, will prove not only to England but to Europe, that the efforts of genius, both with respect to the dead and the living, in this interesting part of the British empire, how circumscribed soever in its limits, and deprived of independence as a state, are such as will justly entitle it to no small respect among the nations. R.

GWYNEDDIGION EISTEDDFOD AT DENBIGH.—On Wednesday, Oct. 6, the annual Eisteddfod of the Gwyneddigion Society was held at Denbigh, for the purpose of deciding on the